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SUBJECT: SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY NEAR EMBASSY KINGSTON AND SECURITY  
PRECAUTIONS BEING TAKEN BY EMBASSY

1. ON 15 SEPTEMBER 1976 A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CANADIAN HIGH COMMISSION AT KINGSTON MENTIONED TO THE RSO THAT HE HAD OBSERVED AN INDIVIDUAL (MALE) TAKING PHOTOGRAPHS OF PEOPLE ENTERING AND LEAVING THE AMERICAN EMBASSY, LOCATED AT 43 DUKE STREET. THE BUILDING FROM WHICH THE MAN WAS OBSERVED IS LOCATED AT 42 DUKE STREET, ACROSS THE STREET AT A SLIGHT ANGLE TO THE RIGHT FROM THE EMBASSY ENTRANCE. IT IS A TWO-STORY STRUCTURE, WITH THREE WINDOWS FACING DUKE STREET ON THE SECOND FLOOR. THE MAN WAS TAKING THE PHOTOGRAPHS FROM ONE OF THESE WINDOWS.

2. THE OCCUPANTS OF THE BUILDING, AS LISTED ON A REGISTRY AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE, ARE AS FOLLOWS: HORACE EDWARDS, W.A. ROPER, KIPLING HUNTLEY MONROE, A.G. GILMAN, E.L. CHAMBERS, RONALD SALOMON, AND H.A. HARRIS.

3. ON SEPTEMBER 17, W. LEE MATTINGLY, GSO, REPORTED TO THE RSO THAT BEVERLY THOMAS, A FSLE, HAD OBSERVED A "GREEN COLORAD VAN WITH THREE MEN IN IT" PARKED ON DUKE STREET IN FRONT OF THE HOME INSURANCE OFFICE, A SHORT DISTANCE FROM THE  
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ENTRANCE TO THE EMBASSY. SHE REMEMBERED THAT THE VEHICLE HAD

BEEN THERE ON SEPTEMBER 16 AND 17 AND QUITE POSSIBLE DURING THE MORNING OF THE 15TH. THE VAN WAS SEEN BETWEEN 0730 AND 0800 HOURS - COINCIDING WITH THE TIME PERIOD DURING WHICH EMBASSY EMPLOYEES WOULD BE ARRIVING FOR WORK. UNFORTUNATELY, THOMAS DID NOT NOTE THE LICENSE NUMBER BUT WAS "POSITIVE" IT WAS THE SAME VEHICLE.

4. CONCERNING ADDITIONAL SECURITY PRECAUTIONS BEING TAKEN BY EMBASSY IN WAKE OF AGEE ALLEGATIONS WE HAVE TAKEN FOLLOWING MEASURES:

A. ALL STAFF BRIEFED ON HOW TO COPE WITH PRESS AND OTHER QUERIES.

B. ALL STAFF ADVISED TO EXERCISE EXTRAORDINARY PRECAUTION IN THEIR BEHAVIOR AND MOVEMENT IN THE INDEFINITE FUTURE.

C. TWO MARINE GUARDS ON DUTY AT CHANCERY DURING NON-DUTY HOURS.

D. STRINGENT PACKAGE AND CONTROLS AND SCREENING OF VISITORS TO ALL OFFICES IN EFFECT.

E. VISA ANNEX, USIS AND PEACE CORPS OFFICES ADVISED TO CLOSE DOWN FIRST HINT OF TROUBLE.

F. RSO WILL BE DISCUSSING FURTHER SECURITY PRECAUTIONS WITH LOCAL POLICE AUTHORITIES TODAY.  
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